



☒ Executive Committee ☐ District Leadership Council ☐ Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	02/19/2018	4 PM	Conference Call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Al Shook at 4:05 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Al Shook, Dale Maas, Joe Weiss, Joel Taylor, Larry Bonde @4:11 PM Kari Lee Zimmermann and Mike Schmit
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	None

C. Agenda Approval and Repair

DISCUSSION	Al asked that the agenda allow for action item (B) NRB February agenda item 2.B.1 relating to waterfowl hunting and blinds on Lake Koshkonong (added 02/19/18) be allowed first due to the need for Joe Weiss to be excused at 4:30 PM.
ACTION	Motion by Maas 2nd Weiss to allow. Motion carried.

D. Public Comments

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	N/A

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Conservation Congress Administrative Housekeeping

Zimmermann

DISCUSSION	Kari discussed the draft of the latest edition of the Conservation Chronicle. Various positive comments were made and it will be released after some minor clerical changes. Question 54 on this year's questioner is not correct. A fact sheet will be sent out to all County Chairs prior to District meetings to explain and discuss prior to hearing. Larry mentioned that he had received a call from Scott Zimmermann (Congress delegate and WATA President) about the funding of the DNR Furbearer Specialist. We had taken a position that this should be a full time position and not an LTE position. He was worried that this would be lost with the reorganization plan. Dale stated that we need to make contact with the appropriate department personnel to reaffirm our position. The reality is making this a full time position will actually save money as we continue to lose well respected trained employees after we spend time and money to train them only to have them move on due to lack of adequate compensation. This cycle has been repeating too long. Larry said that he would draft a letter to the appropriate Department head stating our concerns. Larry also mentioned a call from Tom Hauge with his concerns over lack of action on the current Farm Bill and also lack of action on the Recovering American Wildlife Act. It was decided that Larry would draft a letter to the appropriate legislators voicing our positions and ask for their support. There was also a request for an additional Congress representative on the Sturgeon Advisory committee. There was a question if this was for the Lake Superior committee. Larry will review, clarify and report back on this.	
ACTION	(Information only no action taken)	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

NRB February agenda item 2.B.1 relating to waterfowl hunting and blinds on Lake

Shook

B. Koshkonong

DISCUSSION	Al explained the issue: this was a 2 line statement (section 10) in an 8 page document. This proposed change would be a direct contradiction to a change in the blind concealment requirements enacted a few years ago. It was also noted that by enacting this policy it would make this flowage unique. The Waterfowl Committee worked hard to get the current regulations enacted and they along with other organizations (WWA and DU) were questioning the proposed action.	
ACTION	Motion by Maas Second by Weiss to oppose this position. Motion carried. Al as Chair of the Migratory Committee will attend the NRB meeting and explain the Congress position.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Joel, None. Al, wanted to know when the room reservations would open for the 2018 convention. Kari said this would be announced soon. Dale said that he was getting some questions on email remarks from a delegate being circulated. Larry said that he was addressing the issue and would share those actions . Motion by Shook 2nd by Taylor to adjourn. Motion Carried.
ACTION	As stated.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	5 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	02/20/2018